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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay tanod brigades were organized to assist the government in the maintenance of peace and order in the country. Pursuant to such duty, they conduct *rondas* or nightly patrols, necessarily, exposing their lives and limbs to danger in the hands of criminal elements and other wayward members of society. In fact, an alarming number of barangay tanods have already been assaulted, injured and/or killed, leaving their families and dependents to fend for themselves.

This bill seeks to grant hazard pay to all duly appointed members of the barangay tanod brigades their incumbency as such. It is in recognition of their active participation and constructive role in the maintenance of peace and order. It will also serve as an incentive for a more faithful performance and discharge of their duties and functions.

It is the aim of this bill to give to the barangay tanods what is due to them. In view of the foregoing considerations, the approval of this bill is highly recommended.



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AN ACT
GRANTING HAZARD PAY TO ALL DULY-APPOINTED
MEMBERS OF BARANGAY TANOD BRIGADES DURING THEIR
INCUMBENCY, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines
in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. *Hazard Pay.* - All duly-appointed members of the barangay tanod brigades shall be granted a hazard pay during their incumbency, in the amount of Ten Thousand Pesos (Php10,000.00) per month.

SEC. 2. *Appropriations.* - The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual budget of the local government unit concerned.

SEC. 3. *Non-diminution of Existing Benefits.* - Nothing in this Act shall be construed as to diminish, in any manner, any benefit granted by existing laws, rules and regulations, local ordinances and other issuances especially favorable to barangay tanod brigade members.

SEC. 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* - Within six (6) months from the approval of this Act, the DILG shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected by such declaration, shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,